

THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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PRICE ONE CENT

Greece Seems to Slide Easily From One Grave National Crisis to the Next Just as Anybody Would Expect Grease Should Slip

CONGRESS AFIRE PASSENGERS ALL TRANSFERRED

Blazing Steamer Anchors of Coos Bay on Oregon Coast

RESCUED BY BAR DREDGE

Fire Can Not Be Extinguished and Vessel Will Be a Total Loss

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—The coastwise steamer Congress, afire in her hold and enveloped in huge clouds of smoke, anchored near the entrance to Coos Bay just before 6 o'clock last night. An effort was made to transfer her 253 passengers to the bar-ridge Col. P. S. Michie.

At 6 o'clock flames broke out amidships on the Congress. The vessel is now about two miles off Coos Bay, near Marshfield, Or. Life savers and boats from the Michie have been working for nearly an hour and watchers on shore believe all have been transferred. The ocean is smooth.

The Michie is standing by several hundred yards distant, evidently fearing an explosion.

The Pacific coast steamship company line, bound from San Francisco to Seattle, with passengers and freight reported to the office at Seattle Wash., at 4.55 o'clock that she was afire in No. 3 hold. No details were given.

All the passengers of the Congress have been saved but the ship, which was ablaze from stem to stern, will be a total loss, according to a message received at San Francisco last night at the office of the Pacific coast steamship company.

MARSHALL NOTIFIED

Many Prominent Democrats Gather at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 14.—Vice President Thomas R. Marshall was notified tonight of his renomination for vice president on the democratic ticket and formally accepted the honor.

A large number of prominent democrats, including National Chairman Vance McCormick, from all over the United States were present at the notification. Informal political conferences were held by the leaders and plans for the campaign were discussed thoroughly. Reports of what had been done in Indiana were made to National Chairman McCormick.

Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, delivered the speech of notification after having been introduced by J. A. M. Adair, candidate for governor of Indiana, chairman of the ceremonies. All the speakers praised the present democratic administration, replied to the republican attacks which had been made on it and expressed confidence of a democratic victory.

A big parade preceded the ceremonies.

SOCIALIST TICKET

W. R. Rowland of Corinth Candidate for Governor.

Barre, Sept. 14.—The following ticket was nominated for the state election at the Socialist state convention, held at the Socialist hall on Granite street in Barre last yesterday:

For governor—W. R. Rowland, East Corinth.

For lieutenant governor—Antonio Winner, Granville.

State treasurer—John McMillan, Burlington.

Secretary of state—C. H. Reynolds, Barre.

State auditor—E. L. Cleveland, Morrisville.

Member of Congress from first district—John Spargo, Old Bennington.

Member of Congress from second district—J. P. Marsh, Rochester.

United States Senate—N. E. Green, Bennington.

F. W. Sutor of Barre was elected chairman of the state committee and the others are W. R. Rowland, East Corinth, Antonio Broggi, Barre, Jack King, Granville, and James Lawson Websterville.

POPE BENEDICT REFUSES

Withholds Recommendation to Spare Priceless Treasures.

Rome, Sept. 14.—In view of the recent aerial bombardment of Venice Pope Benedict has refused to Austria-Hungary his recommendation that during the war churches, monuments and art treasures be spared.

MONEY TO SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

Treasurer Walter Scott Mails \$5,079 in Checks Today.

Montpelier, Sept. 14.—Treasurer Walter F. Scott today mailed \$5,079 in checks of Vermont soldiers at Fort Ethan Allen to members of families to whom they assigned their pay.

CITIZENS OFFER TO HELP SETTLE BIG STRIKE

Representative New Yorkers Tender Services to Mayor Mitchell

STRIKING CARMEN IN PARADE

Third Avenue Railroad Company Invites Former Employees to Return to Work.

New York, Sept. 15.—Representative business and professional men at New York late yesterday took a hand in the transit strike which for the past seven days has hampered transportation in Manhattan, the Bronx and portions of Westchester county.

While James P. Hottel, president of the state federation of labor, was telling 8000 striking carmen and their sympathizers at a meeting on Union square that 70,000 allied trade unionists would strike tomorrow unless a settlement of the transit strike was effected in the meantime, the business and professional men were offering their cooperation to Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission.

The meeting of the strikers and their sympathizers followed a parade which began before noon and lasted more than an hour.

An investigation begun by the public service commission into the cause which led to the present crisis probably will be completed today. Until then neither Mayor Mitchell nor members of the commission, it was said last night, would announce definitely the plans they have in mind for settling the strike.

Although a score of persons were in jail, several of them seriously, in surface car accidents yesterday, the police reported there was comparatively little violence. Subway and elevated train service continued about normal, while, it was said, there was slight improvement in the number of surface cars in operation.

Frederick W. Whitridge, president of the Third Avenue railroad company, last night extended an invitation to former employees of his company now on strike to return to work, promising better working conditions and an increase in wages amounting to \$50,000 a year.

JAMES E. BURKE

Prominent Vermont Democrat Dead at West Rutland.

James E. Burke of West Rutland, a well-known marble man, insurance agent and prominent democrat, died at his home yesterday afternoon at 4.45 o'clock following a long illness with diabetes. He became worse Sunday, complications of pleurisy hastening his death. Mr. Burke was a member of the democratic state committee for several years and had been sent as delegate to national conventions of the party. He had also held civil offices, including those of school director, selectman and town representative.

James Edward Burke was born in West Rutland May 19, 1866, the son of the late James E. Burke. His mother survives him. At the age of 11 years he left school and secured a position in the Woodard store. He was later employed by the True Blue Marble company and 1896 became engaged in the insurance business. For 20 years he had been general agent for the New York Life Insurance company and was one of the most successful representatives of the company in New England.

He had always been interested in marble developments, having founded the Orville Marble company. He was instrumental also in the formation and growth of the Clarendon Marble company of which he was secretary at the time of his death.

Mr. Burke was one of the best known democrats in the state and had been a member of the state committee. He was at the head of the so-called "Burke" faction which was in opposition to the "Brown" division of the democratic party several years ago. The two factions finally settled their dispute, however, and the party was again in union.

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Mr. Burke was well known throughout Vermont in fraternal circles as well as in a political and business way. He was local and state president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for several terms. He was a member of the Holy Name society of St. Bridget's church.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont showers this afternoon and tonight. Saturday fair and cooler.

BULGARS FORCED TO RETREAT IN VARDAR VALLEY

British War Office Claims Important Victory in Balkans

ALLIES SQUEEZING COMBLES

French On East and British on West Prepare to Crowd Out the Germans.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The British war office today announces that the allies have won the most important battle of the campaign on the Balkan front. After two days fighting the British, French and Serbians have driven the Bulgarians back ten miles in the valley of Vardar river and have occupied several villages.

The Serbian cavalry followed the retreating Bulgarians and many prisoners were taken. The allied left wing is still advancing.

London, Sept. 15.—The British have resumed their offensive north of the Somme and a new advance on a 600-yard front is announced today.

Several hundred German prisoners were taken and the British position north of Bouleaux wood is greatly improved by the advance to the left which stops pressure in that direction.

London, Sept. 15.—It is stated here today that Frank Collingham, a fireman on the Harrison liner, Counselor has made an affidavit that the ship was torpedoed without warning.

London, Sept. 14.—Reset by the British on the west and the French on the east the village of Combles, in the Somme region of France, apparently is on the verge of capture by the entente forces.

With the British firmly established in the Leuse wood less than a mile from the western outskirts of the village the French, a mile to the east of it, have driven their wedge in farther and captured Le Prieux farm, through which runs the road to Ramcourt. The farm, which had been held by the Germans as a point of support against French encroachments upon Combles, was taken by assault.

Along the Peronne-Bethune road to the north and south of Bouleaux wood the Germans, according to Paris, have vainly attacked the newly won French positions in the hope of regaining their transport line to the north, but all their efforts have been without success and the French have maintained all their gains.

Except for reciprocal bombardments and a slight advance by the French by means of a bombing attack near Helloy-En-Santerre, south of the Somme, the situation elsewhere on the entire front in France and Belgium remains unchanged.

FORD IS FOR WILSON

Automobile Maker Announces His Choice for the Presidency.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer and humanitarian, and a life-long republican, announced here yesterday that he was for President Wilson. An interview with him was published in the San Francisco Bulletin and attracted wide attention. In part it is as follows: "Because of the many good things President Wilson has done, I think he should be commended and heartily appreciated. I don't want to draw a parallel between the professions and the aims of the republican and democratic parties; in fact, the present trip of mine is purely a private one and mostly for recreation. I had hoped to avoid any newspaper publicity. I do not desire to talk politics. Every neighbor you meet will tell you the good things in the administration of President Wilson. I feel just as these people do about what he has done, and realize keenly that his great neutrality policy during the European war has had the patent successful result of keeping this country at peace. The efforts of his opponents to try and make political capital because of President Wilson's determination not to measure swords with poor deluded Mexico have already ended in distinct failure."

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MAY NOT WED DIVORCEES

Protestant Church to Consider Such Ban at Next Convention.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Marriage between parties divorced for any cause, either of whom has a husband or wife living, will not be permitted hereafter in the Protestant Episcopal church if a new canon, recommended by the Commission on Marriage and Divorce, adopted by the general convention of the church of St. Louis Oct. 11, according to an announcement today.

The commission is composed of five bishops, five rectors, and five laymen.

MANCHESTER FAIR

Samuel Cutler's Daylight Wins 2.45 Class in Straight Heats.

There were three races at the Manchester fair, the best time being made in the 2.27 pace. In the 2.45 trot or pace, Daylight driven by Samuel Cutler of Bennington was a winner in straight heats. The best mark, 2:26 1-2 was made in the first heat.

BENNINGTON BOY AT FRONT

Ansel Buss Glad to Know That He Is Soon Coming Home.

Friends in town have received the following letter from Ansel Buss, a former employee of the Twin State Gas and Electric company who enlisted with company M of the Second New York regiment now stationed at Mission, Tex.:

"We have returned from out ten day hike and are back at camp, safe and sound. Yesterday we made fifteen miles and after resting a while we left camp at 12:40 p. m. and arrived in Mission, our home camp at 9:30 a. m. a distance of eighteen miles. At 6 bells we stopped long enough for something to eat, and then finished up our hike. Maybe you don't think I was glad to get 'home,' or to camp. By the way we expect to be home before long for we were told it would be some time this month. It is the best thing I have heard since I have been here and I hope there is some truth in it.

Beginning today we have three days to clean up and rest. You see that is why I am writing tonight for we didn't have but little time to write when on our hike, or if we had, there would have been no place to post a letter.

You can see for yourself that we do more than eat and sleep when I tell you about our hike. We left camp at Mission on Wednesday morning Aug. 23 at 7 bells. We only did six miles the first day, arriving in Alton, Texas, about half past nine and in 30 minutes our dog tents were up, ready for a rest. Thursday morning at 5 bells we started for Sterling's Ranch, a distance of eight miles and arrived there at 8.15. There was a large supply of water there, but still we had to pay 15c to take a bath.

Friday we left for La Gloria, at 5 bells and made it in two hours, a distance of six miles. Here one windmill supplied water for 1800 of us, not saying anything of the horses and mules. Co. M was on advance guard that day and it was no cinch. We were on guard all day over the water. Any one who has been in Texas knows the scarcity of water.

The next morning we left again for Sterling at 6 bells and arrived at 8.30 Sunday morning. At 3 bells we turned back again taking a route a distance of 14 miles to La Gloria, arriving there at 8.30 a. m. Monday morning, at three bells we started for Young's ranch a distance of 8 miles, and arrived there at 8.30 a. m. The water was poor here, but an abundant supply.

Tuesday we returned to La Gloria once more, on our way home or to Mission. We made it in two hours and a half, having left at 4 in the morning and arriving at 6.20.

Wednesday found us once more at Sterling's. Leaving La Gloria at 2 bells in the morning and reaching our destination at 6 bells we were well started on our way home.

On Thursday we left for Edinburgh 15 miles away and made it in 5 hours, having left at 2 in the morning, and arrived at 7. It is some place, known as Texas county seat. On the following day we left for Mission at 12.40 and arrived in camp about 9.30 a distance of 19 miles.

By addition you will know how far we travelled. Not many of us were taken sick and I made the trip fine. We all carried our rolls, each one weighing 60 pounds. Well I have told you enough for this time, so will hit the good old cot.

SHOT A BLUE HERON

Readsboro Man Arrested for Violation of Fish and Game Laws.

County Game Warden Edward S. Higgins was in Readsboro Wednesday and served a warrant upon George Johnson, superintendent of the Metal Box company plant, charged with shooting a blue heron. These birds, which are becoming scarce throughout the entire country are protected not only by the laws of the state of Vermont but by the national migratory bird law. Mr. Johnson agreed to plead guilty to the complaint which entailed a fine of \$15 and costs.

The only birds, other than game, which are not protected in the state of Vermont are the hawks and owls, crow, crow blackbird, English Sparrow and kingfisher.

Upland plover, pheasants and wood duck are protected at all seasons of the year.

MOUNT HOLLY MAN MISSING

Herbert Barrett Writes Wife She Will Never See Him Again.

Mont Holly, Sept. 14.—Herbert Barrett, about 50 years old, a farmer living in Hortonville in this town, has been missing from his home since Monday and his wife fears he has taken on his own life. In a brief note mailed at Ludlow, which Mrs. Barrett received Tuesday morning, the missing man stated she would never see him again, the only motive he gave for disappearing being that he was unable to pay his debts.

KAVALA CIVILIANS MASSACRED BY BASHIBAZOUKS

Greek Port Scene of Pillage After Garrison Left City

SOME AMERICANS IN DANGER

Turkish Mercenaries Opened Prisons and Indulged in an Orgy of Destruction.

Athens, Wednesday, Sept. 13, via London, Sept. 14.—The British legation today informed Garrett Dropers, the American minister, that the Greeks have surrendered to the Bulgarians the last of the forts defending the seaport of Kavala, in northeastern Greece. Several of the forts were occupied some time ago by the Bulgarians. Warships of the entente allies have transported 1500 Greek soldiers to Thasos.

Noting at Kavala is reported and it is said houses and shops have been pillaged. A number of Americans are endangered, as is property of American tobacco companies to the amount of more than \$2,000,000. No ships are permitted to remain in the harbor.

Paris, Sept. 14.—The Greek port of Kavala was pillaged and civilians massacred by Turkish Bashibazouks on the withdrawal of the Greek garrison, according to a Salonki dispatch to the Havas agency. The dispatch says that the Bulgarians sent an ultimatum to Col. Christoboulos, commander of the garrison, on the night of September 10. Col. Christoboulos then left with 1500 men for Thasos.

A terrible panic occurred in the city when the garrison withdrew. The Bashibazouks entered and after breaking open the prisons indulged in an orgy and pillage and massacre. All who could fled before the invaders.

The Bulgarians are now camped at Caldorman and Kuchukorman. Bulgarian aeroplanes flew over Kavala on Tuesday and dropped bombs which killed nine persons.

WORLD'S SERIES TALK

Majors' Close Races Cause Worry to Magnates Already.

Owing to the closeness of the two major league pennant races, members of the national commission are handicapped in efforts to draw up a schedule and make other arrangements for the holding of the world's series, less than a month away. Although the date for the opening game has been unofficially set for Saturday, October 7, the fact that the commission is unable to determine which clubs will participate is hampering the completion of many details.

This problem, it was announced at New York today, will be fully discussed at Cincinnati Wednesday when the commission and the club owners gather for the annual drafting of minor league players. The situation may result, it was indicated, in the extraordinary feature of preparing a number of world's series schedules covering National and American league clubs which have a chance to win the right to compete in the baseball classic. Only three weeks' leeway will exist at the time the magnates meet at Cincinnati and it has been suggested that the only way to meet the conditions would be to adopt this broad schedule plan, probably including Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston in the National league and Boston, Detroit and Chicago in the American league.

KICK OF HORSE KILLS GIRL

Little Daughter of Thomas King of Fairfax Dies in Hospital.

St. Albans, Sept. 14.—Alma, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King, of Fairfax, died at the hospital in this city late this morning from the effects of being kicked by a horse. Her father was watering the animal when the accident occurred. The little girl's skull was fractured. She died about an hour after she was brought to the hospital.

R. PULTZER'S SON A VICTIM

Ralph, Jr., Has Paralysis at Home of His Uncle at Bar Harbor.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 15.—Joseph Pultzer, Jr., publisher of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the member of his household have been quarantined at their summer home here after physicians had diagnosed the illness of Mr. Pultzer's ten-year-old nephew, Ralph Pultzer, Jr., as infantile paralysis.

WOMAN'S VOTE SMALL

Gentler Sex Failed to Appear in the Illinois Primary.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Less than 14 per cent of the registered women voters in Chicago balloted in the primary yesterday, according to returns today. There were approximately 22,000 votes of the Democratic women to 16,000 of the Republican women.

Lucky Youth.

"Young Scudda is an absolute nocomp. He doesn't know enough to come in when it rains."

"He doesn't need to. With all his money he can afford a new umbrella every day in the week and also a man to carry it for him."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

STATE FAIR ENDED BECAUSE STORM CAME TODAY

Last Days Events Called Off This Morning

HAD GOOD CROWD YESTERDAY

Fair This Year Had Three Fine Days But Attendance Less Than Usual.

White River Junction, Sept. 15.—The last day of the state fair was called off this morning because of the storm which started early this morning. The races and other events were cancelled. The gates were open today and as the exhibits are still in place many people are seeing the show without charge.

The fair this year has had three good days, but the attendance has not been up to former years apparently because of the quarantine against children which has kept many families at home.

White River Junction, Sept. 14.—Driver H. A. Harding of Barre was quite seriously injured in the second heat of the 2.17 pace at the Vermont State fair this afternoon. With eight horses in the event they came around the lower turn in a bunch. Harding was driving Kleet, a gray gelding. As the horse rounded the bend, it became entangled in its harness and was thrown. Lady S. driven by Ed. Hickle was following close and there was an instant mix-up. Harding was thrown over the outside fence and sustained a badly lacerated face. Physicians on the grounds rendered medical aid.

The third day of the 19th annual exhibition of the Vermont State fair has been a conspicuous success, with an attendance of 11,000. Automobiles to the number of 774 parked on the grounds. The crowd has been in excess of any previous third day in the history of the organization.

It was Governor's day. Gov. Charles W. Gates, who on Tuesday ran third in the contest for nomination for United States senator, occupied a box, with his secretary of civil and military affairs, Benjamin W. Gates, who on Tuesday was successful in securing the nomination of state auditor on the republican ticket. Other visitors of prominence were Congressman Frank L. Greene and ex-Gov. Pingree of Hartford, who is 85 years old.

In the horseback riders' tournament for the silver trophy presented by James Tyson, Jr. of Stratford, R. H. Nicolson of Berlin, N. H.

W. H. Dickinson, proprietor of the Connecticut River Stock farm of Hatfield, Mass., won the cup for single drivers with the six-year-old Black mare, May Chatham, by Earl of Chatham, dam Lady Spitzer. The cup becomes the property of Mr. Dickinson, by having won the same cup at the state fair last year with the five-year-old gelding, Hatfield Chatham, a full brother of May Chatham. Both horses were bred by Mr. Dickinson.

At the annual meeting of the Morgan House club this noon at the commissioners' room in the administration building, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, E. A. Darling of East Burke; secretary and treasurer, C. C. Spillman. There were brief talks by President Darling, H. S. Wardner and C. V. Haddock of Claremont, N. H.

ELWELL-TURNER

Bennington Young Man Married at Bride's Home at Manchester.

A very pretty but quiet wedding took place Thursday afternoon at five o'clock when Miss Eula Frances Turner, the youngest daughter of Mr. Carrie L. Turner of Manchester, Vt., became the bride of Oscar L. Elwell one of Bennington's most popular young men.

On account of the recent death of the bride's father only the immediate relatives were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph S. Brown pastor of the Baptist church.

Following the ceremony a buffet lunch was served.

The young couple left with the good wishes of their many friends to reside in Springfield, Mass., where Mr. Elwell will enter the Y. M. C. A. Training school.

LESS DEATHS AMONG SOLDIERS

Percentage of Sickness on Border Also Shows Slight Decrease.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Reports for the week ending September 9 received today by the war department show the percentage of sick among National Guard men on the border to have been 1.91 with three deaths, one each from appendicitis, dysentery, and gastric ulcers. For the preceding week the percentage was 1.92 with nine deaths. Among the regular troops the rate of sickness was 2.15 per cent with four deaths against 2.84 and one death for the preceding week.

TAFT AT 60TH MILESTONE

Former President Prepares to Resume His Duties as Lecturer.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 14.—William H. Taft, former president of the United States, will enter upon his sixtieth year tomorrow, and a number of congratulations on that event are already being received at his home in this city. Following the close of the summer vacation, Mr. Taft is preparing to resume his duties as lecturer at the Yale law school. So far as is known he does not intend to take any active part in the present national campaign.

SCHOOL OPENING POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS

Date Now Fixed at Monday, Oct. 2, By State Board of Health

PARALYSIS MENACE CONTINUES

Health Officer Joseph M. Ayres Received Instructions From State Board This Morning.

Schools in Bennington, high school, graded school and district schools will not open for the fall term until Monday, October 2.

It had been planned to begin the fall term next Monday, September 18, but because of the presence of infantile paralysis in this county the state board of health has deemed it best to postpone the date for two weeks.

After discussing the situation with members of the local board of health, Health Officer Joseph M. Ayres this morning called Secretary Dalton of the state board and Burlington. The health officer explained the existing conditions here and was then instructed to postpone the opening of all schools in the town of Bennington.

Principal F. B. Mabrey of the high school and the teachers have arrived here in the expectation that the schools would open next Monday. What steps will be taken to make up the lost time is not yet known.

BIG LEAGUE BASTBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York 4, Detroit 2.
Chicago 7, Washington 5.
St. Louis 6, Boston 1.
Cleveland 9, Philadelphia 1.

Standing of the Clubs

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Boston	78	58	.573
Detroit	80	60	.571
Chicago	79	60	.568
New York	72	65	.525
St. Louis	73	67	.521
Cleveland	71	69	.507
Washington	68	67	.504
Philadelphia	30	105	.222

National League

Chicago 2, Boston 0 (11 innings).
St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 3.
Brooklyn 3, Pittsburgh 2.
New York 3, Cincinnati 1.

Standing of the Clubs

New York 3, Cincinnati 1.			
Standing of the Clubs			
	Won.	Lost	P.C.
Brooklyn	79	54	.594
Philadelphia	77	55	.584
Boston	75	55	.577
New York	68	62	.523
Pittsburg	64	71	.474
Chicago	62	76	.449
St. Louis	60	79	.432